

**LICENSES AND CONSUMER SERVICES  
LICENSE INSPECTOR'S REPORT**

**License Numbers:** L247-50392

**Police File Number:** 13376

**Date of Application:** February 25, 2013

**Inspector:** Ronald Martin, 612-673-3903

**Applicant/Legal Entity:** French Corner Bistro & Bakery, LLC.

**DBA/Trade Name:** French Corner Bistro & Bakery

**Complete Address:** 1200 Nicollet Mall; Minneapolis, MN 55403

**Licenses Requested:** On-Sale Wine with Strong Beer, Class E.

**Current License:** None

**Purpose of Application:** To obtain a new On-Sale Wine with Strong Beer License.

**Responsible person within 75 miles of Minneapolis City Hall:** Vladimir Storchak

**Public Hearing Required:** Yes

**License Conditions:** None at this time.

**Neighborhood/Ward:** Loring Park / 7

**Zoning:** B4S-1: This is a permitted use in the Downtown Service District.

**7 acre requirement:** Not applicable.

**Off-Street Parking:** The Office of the Zoning Administrator does not require off-street parking for this location.

**Churches or schools within 300 feet of the proposed premises:** Not applicable.

**Seating:** Inside: 40 Seats

**Fire Occupancy:** TBD

**Food Service Requirement:** The applicant wants to operate with an On-Sale Wine license. They are required to operate as a restaurant subject to the 60/40 ratio of food to alcohol sales. No more than 40% of gross annual sales may be from alcohol.

**Hours of operation proposed:** Monday thru Friday from 7:00 A.M. to 9:00 P.M., Saturday from 9:00am to 5:00pm, and Sunday from 8:00am to 2:00pm.

**Metropolitan Council Service Availability Charges:** A new SAC determination advised that three SAC units are due for this business. This has been paid by the applicant.

### **HISTORY OF LOCATION**

Dahl Pharmacy had operated in this location with a Grocery license from 1992 to 2010. The location is currently vacant.

### **APPLICANT**

The applicant is French Corner Bistro & Bakery, LLC; a Minnesota limited liability company, authorized to do business in Minnesota, formed on December 26, 2012, under Chapter 322B (Charter Number 474972300026) having the required restriction on the transfer of shares and has the following owners:

#### **French Corner Bistro & Bakery, LLC**

<b><u>Name</u></b>	<b><u>DOB</u></b>	<b><u>Title</u></b>	<b><u>Shares</u></b>
Vladimir Storchak	8/23/55	Member	51%
Chrystel Klein	8/03/77	Member	49%

The applicants have experience in owning and operating restaurants. They meet all minimum requirements including criminal and financial background checks.

### **MANAGER**

The manager at French Corner Bistro & Bakery will be Frederic Klein. Mr. Klein has worked previously as a manager for other bakery and food restaurants.

### **POLICE REVIEW**

Police Licensing and this Inspector have reviewed the expenses and source of funds reported in this application. The applicant has provided documentation showing adequate legal and traceable funding for this venture and has passed the criminal background check. The First Precinct of the Minneapolis Police Department has discussed security issues with the applicant.

## **PREMISES**

The premises are on the first floor at street level. The entire premises occupy approximately 1,540 square feet. Approximately 544 square feet is for the seating area. The rest of the establishment consists of a kitchen, coolers, storage areas, employee area and rest rooms. There will be 32 seats at tables and 8 seats at a food service counter. There are no undefined spaces and the restaurant is compact and contiguous. The men's and women's restrooms are also located on the main floor of this establishment.

## **SIDEWALK CAFE**

There will be no sidewalk café at this location.

## **BUSINESS PLAN/OPERATIONS**

French Corner Bistro & Bakery will be an authentic French bakery, specializing in pastries, Danishes, breads, breakfast items, salads, soups, coffee, sandwiches, and box-style lunches to go. The mission statement from the applicant states that French Corner Bistro & Bakery's goal is to become a "neighborhood" eatery, becoming a part of the local community by providing a cozy atmosphere where customers can purchase quality baked goods or enjoy a meal in the restaurant area.

The applicant and staff, including new hires, will receive alcohol server training through an approved alcohol service trainer. Management and staff will request proof of age from any customer who appears to be 30 years of age or younger, and will refuse service to any customer who cannot produce adequate ID. The applicant states that they will not sponsor any sports teams, offer charitable gambling, or offer amusement devices on the premises.

The proposed hours of operation are: Monday thru Friday from 7:00 A.M. to 9:00 P.M., Saturday from 9:00am to 5:00pm, and Sunday from 8:00am to 2:00pm.

## **PUBLIC HEARING SUMMARY**

A public hearing is required for these license applications. 23 notices were mailed to residents and property owners within 300 feet of the premises on April 1, 2013. Notices were emailed to the Citizens for a Loring Park Community Association and the Loring Business Association on March 28, 2013. Three multi-residential buildings were posted, as well. The public hearing will be held on April 15, 2013 at the Regulatory, Energy and Environment Committee meeting.

## **RECOMMENDATION**

The Licenses and Consumer Services Division recommends approving this application for an On-Sale Wine with Strong Beer, Class E License.

## **LICENSE CONDITIONS**

None at this time.